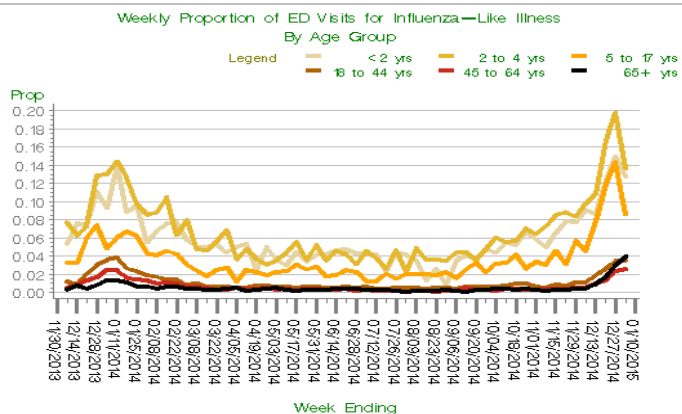
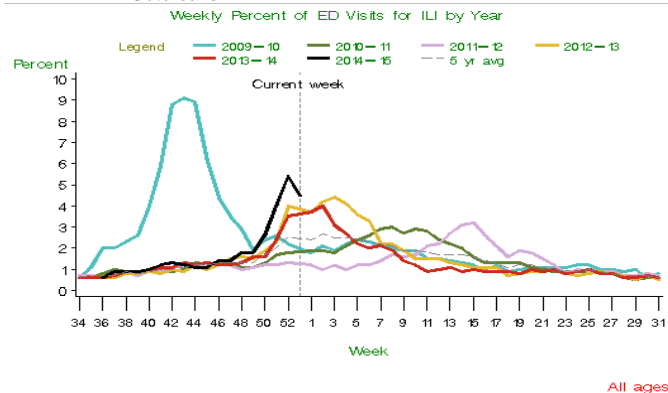




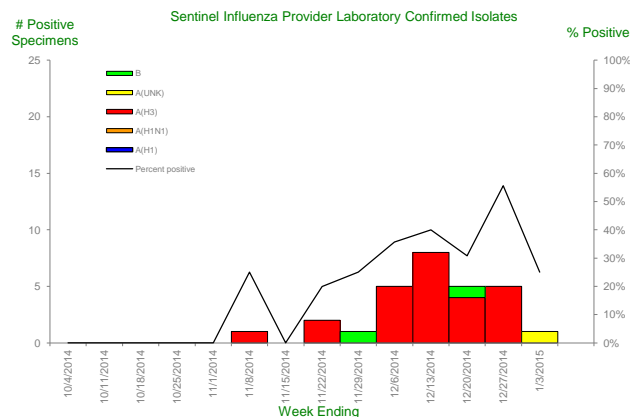
Influenza activity remained high in King County during week 53 (week ending 01/03/2015). Initial positive specimens from outpatient surveillance and from reporting hospital laboratories have been identified as influenza A, with a small number of influenza B infections also detected. Among specimens submitted to King County Public Health Laboratory, the majority have been typed as A(H3). King County received six reports of laboratory-confirmed influenza A outbreaks from long-term care facilities (LTCFs) during the week ending 01/03/2015. The proportion of emergency department visits attributable to influenza-like illness (ILI) remained high, and exceeded peak levels of the past five flu seasons, excluding the 2010 pandemic. During the week ending 01/03/2015, the University of Washington Virology laboratory continued to see steep rises in number of specimens positive for influenza A and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since September 28, 2014
<b>Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths</b>	0	2
<b>King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers</b>		
Specimens Submitted	4	90
Proportion Positive for Influenza	25.0%	Season Peak: 55.6%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	0	25
A (Unknown)	1	1
B	0	2
<b>Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions</b>		
Number of Labs Reporting	4	Weekly Average: 5
Number of Specimens Submitted	687	Weekly Average: 250
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	28.1%	Season Peak: 32.7%
<b>Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)</b>		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	4.5%	Season Peak: 5.4%
<b>Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P &amp; I)</b>	3.9%	--
National Epidemic Threshold	6.9%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 0
<b>Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)</b>	6	19
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	6	18



Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period  
Last updated Jan 4, 2015 ; 'current week' is week ending Jan 3, 2015

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## Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance:  
[www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu](http://www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu)

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2014-15.pdf>

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update:  
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5100/420-100-FluUpda>

National Influenza Update:  
[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

Global Influenza Update:  
[www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/)